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**TO OPEN UP****NEW COAL FIELDS**

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 23.—It is understood that within a few days active operations will begin on the construction of a road to run from the Chesapeake and Ohio at the New river coal mines on the Kanawha river to a connection with the Norfolk and Western. The line will follow the flat-top coal fields and will open up the most valuable coal lands in America. It is evident that for transportation purposes the Chesapeake and Ohio, and Norfolk and Western will practically monopolize these fields.

**Beware!**

Washington, Dec. 23.—The following announcement was made at the White House Monday: "Between Christmas and New Year's day, the President will not make any appointments for receiving callers, and will not have any regular office hours during the week."

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**IN POLICE COURT.****Vagrant Ordered Out of Town, and a Case of Non-Support.**

James Fleming was fined \$2 and costs in Police court Tuesday morning. He was charged with intoxication. F. O. McKinney, of Mechanicsburg, was assessed the same fine for the same cause. He has a family there, and came here to seek work.

Thomas McCarty, arrested upon the charge of vagrancy was given a suspended sentence of 30 days in the workhouse provided he get outside of town inside of one hour. He got. He was so dull of mind that he couldn't remember the name of the town where he worked nine days in the Lake Shore shops.

W. Harringer was arraigned for non-support, and his case was set for trial Friday morning. He has a wife and five children, four of whom are under 16 years of age.

**ABNER MCKINLEY****And Others Buy 2,000 Acres of Coal Land.**

Cumberland, Md., Dec. 23.—Abner McKinley, brother of the late president, and a number of business associates, Saturday completed the purchase of a tract of 2,000 acres of coal land in the neighborhood of Stoyestown, Somerset county, Pa., just across the Maryland line, the coal being similar to the Maryland big vein. The property will be developed next spring.

**INSTITUTE****Held at North Springfield.****Interesting Subjects Were Discussed.**

Full Text of Paper Read by Mr. Bierce.

The first session of the Farmers' Institute was opened in North Springfield Presbyterian church last Wednesday by the singing of America and invocation by Rev. A. B. Strong.

Opening remarks by President Palmer showed that strides of advancement are being made in all other business, and it behooves the farmers to meet and study their business, learn to do their work better and more thoroughly. The Institute is the farmer's own and should be participated in by all.

The program follows: "Gardening With Glass," by J. S. Brigham, of Bowling Green. "First you must have a house adapted to the business. Get your beds as near to the glass as possible. The house should stand north and south. Warm it by a box stove, by placing the pipes underneath the benches; sow your seeds about the middle of January, keep the temperature about 65 degrees. Use trays for seeds, filled with lake sand. A hot bed is necessary in the business and can be constructed easily."

The subject was discussed by J. A. Pfantz, who favored the plan of raising plants and vegetables outside of glass houses for profit.

Mabel Hagerty and Verta Hart sang. Milton H. Kohn's McKinley hymn, in a manner appreciated by all present.

The Committee on Nominations was C. O. Ewart, Art Crumroy, D. Kent, on Resolutions, E. H. Schrop, B. M. Boyer, G. A. Wile.

Afternoon session—Song, by Jas. F. Herd, Akron; "I've Something Sweet to Tell You," reading, "Betsey and I Are Out," by H. J. Haber.

"Repairing and Marketing Produce," Mr. Brigham. "You must have regular customers to take your produce. A successful gardener must have either wholesale or retail customers. Every farm should have a good garden."

The speaker gave a very interesting account of how a garden may be a source of great profit to the farmer. He must be honest, upright, punctual, etc., and will merit the approval of his customers. This lecture elicited a great deal of discussion and proved very interesting.

Miss Laura McChesney's rendition of "How John Quit the Farm," was received with well merited applause.

"What I Have Learned on the Dairy Farm," by N. W. Feun. The speaker advocated raising calves to replenish the herd; cows must be good performers at the pail, but to do well must be good performers at the manger. Cows need but little exercise during winter; can be confined for months at a time without injury. Use cement floor for cow stable. Regularity in feeding is just as essential to good results as regular milking. Principal grain ration is gluten meal. Has experimented with corn, wheat and oats. Corn adapted to silo purposes is the best crop for a farmer to raise. Silage does not deteriorate on account of age. Cows must have good, comfortable quarters to do their best. Vicious cows are made so from unduly handling them.

The subject was discussed by C. S. Hackett and C. O. Hale. "The Darkey's Sermon on Apples," by H. J. Haber. The imitable acting and delivery caused a word of merriment. An encore was responded to by the rendition of "How it Happened."

J. Al Dobie, lecture, "The Training of the Farm Horse." Breaking colts has always been generally allotted to the boys on the farm, here always should be preliminary handling when young. Teach one thing at a time. There are certain horses that cannot be cured of vicious habits by the average horseman. He advises caution, patience and gentleness, in dealing with contrary horses.

Discussed by J. W. Frank. Recitation, Anna Huber, "A Christmas Story."

Song, Jas. F. Herd, "A Touch of Humanity," was rendered with feeling and expression.

The Main St. M. E. choir, Akron, opened the evening session with an anthem.

Will Carlton's "Convict's Christmas Eve," by H. F. Haber, responded to encore with "I've Nothing to Say."

"Success," J. Al Dobie. Begin life right. Successful lives are the result of beginning right. Should have a plan and aim in life. Fixedness is one great element of success. Energy and practical ability are elements of success.

Reading, by Miss Bixler, was listened to with rapt attention. She was encored and responded.

Music by choir.

J. F. Haber repeated his discourse on apples and responded to an encore.

J. S. Brigham, "Life on a Texas Cattle Ranch." Described the country and cattle of the Lone Star State.

A solo by Jas. F. Herd closed the evening's entertainment.

The morning session, Dec. 18, opened with Mrs. S. E. Barnes praying.

"Tools and Farm Implements." Farmers must not buy everything, but should prefer to buy of some home dealer who stands back of everything he sells to the farmer. Farmers can do better by so doing. Let the agent or expert set up the machines. It doesn't pay to leave machines out in the weather.

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**PAPER**

Read by Mr. L. V. Bierce, at Springfield Institute.

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"What is Truth?"

"Pilate asked this question nearly two thousand years ago, whether in sincerity I do not know, but it has been the earnest question of the ages. After selecting this subject, and learning that I am to have ten or fifteen minutes to answer it, I believed that it would be a quicker method to assert that no one knows the whole truth in regard to any of the varied interests

that affect man upon the earth. What is there in any department of human knowledge so thoroughly established and accepted as truth as not to be controverted?

"Supposing a full grown man should suddenly drop from some other planet upon our earth ignorant of conditions here, and should seek to know the

truth in regard to all the questions that now vex mortals. To whom would you send him for instruction?

"I suppose that Pilate asked this question of truth in the spiritual realm, and as man's highest interest is involved in this I shall approach it with great

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